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SUBJECT: NORDLI SUPPORTS CARTER AT SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC MEETING

1. NORWAY'S LARGEST DAILY, AFTENPOSTEN, REPORTED APRIL 18 THAT PRIME MINISTER NORDLI FIRMLY SUPPORTED PRESIDENT CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS STAND AFTER IT HAD COME UNDER CRITICISM AT A MEETING OF EUROPEAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC LEADERS IN AMSTERDAM OVER THE WEEKEND.

2. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM THE AFTENPOSTEN REPORT:

3. (BEGIN TEXT) PRIME MINISTER ODVAR NORDLI CAME OUT THIS WEEKEND IN STRONG SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS EFFORTS. "THIS LINE", NORDLI SAID, "STRENGTHENS THE CREDIBILITY OF THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES."

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4. WHEN IT BECAME KNOWN WHAT WILLY BRANDT AND THE SWEDISH SOCIAL DEMOCRAT SVEN ANDERSON SAID SATURDAY, THEIR STATEMENTS WERE IMMEDIATELY SEEN AS MILD REBUKES OF PRESIDENT CARTER FOR HIS UNCOMPROMISING STATEMENTS TO SOVIET LEADERS ON HUMAN RIGHTS. NO ONE MENTIONED THE U.S. OR CARTER BY NAME, BUT BRANDT SAID: "WHEN IT IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE TO LESSEN TENSIONS AND

MAKE PEACE MORE SECURE, THERE IS NO POINT IN TALKING ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS ANY MORE. THE CRY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS BECOMES PURELY A SLOGAN WHICH HAS NO EFFECT BECAUSE IT IS TOO FAR REMOVED FROM REALITY.

5. THE INTERPRETATION OF THE COMMENTS BY BRANDT AND ANDERSON CAUSED CONSIDERABLE CONCERN AMONG DELEGATES TO THE MEETING. ON SUNDAY, BRANDT MADE IT CLEAR HE HAD NOT CRITICIZED CARTER, AND HE REFERRED TO WHAT NORDLI SAID, THAT "IT IS A SERIOUS MISTAKE IF WE WERE TO CREATE A GAP BETWEEN WHAT WE STAND FOR AND WHAT CARTER STANDS FOR ON HUMAN RIGHTS."

6. NORDLI SAID HE WAS ENCOURAGED BY CARTER'S EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THAT IT WOULD HAVE AN EFFECT BOTH FOR NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL POLICY. EVEN THOUGH THE NORWEGIAN PRIME MINISTER CLEARED UP SOME OF THE QUESTIONS AS TO WHETHER CARTER HAD BEEN CRITICIZED, THERE WAS NO DOUBT AMONG OBSERVERS THAT SOME DELEGATES TO THE MEETING FELT THE WEST SHOULD NOT PUSH SO HARD ON HUMAN RIGHTS THAT THEY MIGHT THREATEN DETENTE, (END TEXT).
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